REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 17-19 and 25 have been amended to present the claims in better form for allowance and for possible consideration on appeal. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to accept the proposed amendments. Claims 4, 10-16, 21-24 and 28 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-3, 5-9, 17-20, 25-27 and 29-30 are presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

Claims 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Claim 17 has been amended to obviate this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claims 18 and 19 objected to. Claims 18 and 19 have been amended to obviate this objection.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 17-20, 25-27, and 29-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Matyas Jr. et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,687,375, further in view of Chen et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,182,220, and further in view of Hardy et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,073,242.

The Examiner has indicated in a final Office Action that <u>Matyas</u>, <u>Chen</u> and <u>Handy</u>

all "*fail to disclose* the securely obtaining [of] seeding information from the one or more remote entropy servers is *repeated for redundant entropy servers.*" (final Office Action, mailed April 19, 2005, page 6, paragraph 4; emphasis provided). The Examiner instead relies on AASAA to show such a feature.

ASSAA discloses a method of operating a semiconductor manufacturing line continuously by *providing an auxiliary control system* for a first and second controller. The auxiliary system is created by combining an interceptor module with application modules and a back-up server. (Abstract, lines 1-12; emphasis provided).

Claim 1, in pertinent part, recites "securely obtaining additional seeding information from one or more remote entropy servers, wherein the securely obtaining of the seeding information from the one or more remote entropy servers is repeated for redundant entropy servers." (emphasis provided). The auxiliary control system and back-up server in ASSAA (Abstract, line 8) is not the same as securely obtaining seeding information from the one or more remote entropy servers, which is repeated for redundant entropy servers, as recited by claim 1. In addition, the server in ASSAA is a back-up server and not an entropy server. Hence, ASSAA does not add any relevance to Matyas, Chen and Handy, at least with regard to claim 1. Matyas, Chen, Handy and ASSAA neither individually nor when combined teach or reasonably suggest all the limitations of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 and its dependant claims.

Claims 17 and 25 contain limitations similar to claim 1, and thus for the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 17 and 25 and their dependant claims.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.
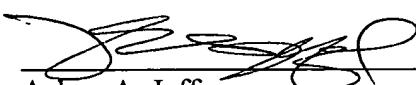
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